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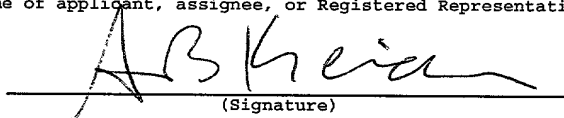
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Title : Mold For Forming A Contact Lens And Method Of Preventing Formation
Of Small Strands Of Contact Lens Material During Contact Lens
Manufacture

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel the claims in the prior application and add the following claims:

47. A mold for forming a contact lens comprising an overflow collector wherein said overflow collector comprises a different material from said mold material.
48. The mold of claim 47, wherein said overflow collector is a ring.
49. The mold of claim 47, wherein said mold is reusable.

50. The mold of claim 47, wherein said overflow collector comprises polystyrene.
51. The mold of claim 47, wherein said overflow collector comprises rubber or a sponge material.
52. The mold of claim 47, wherein said overflow collector comprises a structure that is removable from said mold.
53. The mold of claim 52, wherein said structure is a ring.
54. The mold of claim 52, wherein said mold is reusable.
55. The mold of claim 52, wherein said structure comprises polystyrene.
56. The mold of claim 52, wherein said structure comprises rubber or a sponge material.
57. The mold of claim 52, wherein said structure is disposable.
58. A mold comprising a first mold portion, a second mold portion and a separate third mold portion wherein said third mold portion is an overflow collector.
59. The mold of claim 58, wherein said first and second mold portions comprise flanges and said overflow collector is inserted between the flanges of said first and second mold portions.

60. The mold of claim 59, wherein said overflow collector is disposable.

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